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SENATOR JONES: Mr. President and members of the body, I haven't talked on this yet. I want to stand up and just say a few things. And about everything has probably been said that we probably realize what this actually does. I realize when you start putting it on labor like this, well, it's just like putting it on pop and candy. You got to start picking and choosing what you're going to put it on and what you're not going to put it on, and it's a big dilemma. And it don't matter who it is, well, they'd say, well, why didn't you put it on the other? Then should be picking and choosing. I know we need the money, the \$56 million that this is going to take out. I know it's probably just about impossible to do it, but I think we should have tried to put it on the food this year, but I know that that's not possible. But my grocers me tell that not to put it on pop and candy, that they won't know what they're doing; put it on all or nothing. So I guess that's the way we come out. We're not going to put it on anything on it. But I think this here is something that it, you know, you can remodel a house or whatever, but when you come right down to it, when you do get remodeled, then you're going to get hit the other way too. You're going to get hit with a higher real estate tax because they'll have it valued higher. So you know you don't know just which way to go on it, but I'm going to support Senator Stuthman's amendment and see where we go from there and see if we can get enough votes to get it on, and then we can go with the next step. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, I've tried not to repeat myself, but I don't want anybody to think that the vehemence of the opposition has gone away. It has not. I'm hoping that the people who are talking are the people who are interested in the amendment and that everybody else is prepared to vote no, to put...to state it directly. I understand these arguments. They're not difficult to understand. The contractors and their industry don't want to charge sales tax. They don't want it, and I understand that. But the fact of the matter is, this is the classic illustration of looking at Iowa, looking at South Dakota, looking at Kansas, they don't all do it the same, but looking at people around,